

REMARKS

Claims 1-5, 7-14, 16, 18-23 and 25 are pending in the present application. Claims 1, 8, 9 and 19 have been amended. Claims 6, 15, 17 and 24 have been canceled.

Telephone Interview

Applicant's representative acknowledges the courtesy extended by Examiner Le during the telephone interview conducted on January 31, 2008. During the telephone interview, the Examiner confirmed that dependent claims 6, 17, 15 and 24 include allowable subject matter, and that the present application would be in condition for allowance upon amendment of independent claims 1, 8, 9 and 19 to respectively include the features of dependent claims 6, 17, 15 and 24.

Accordingly, responsive to the Examiner's acknowledgement of allowable subject matter as noted above, independent claims 1, 8, 9 and 19 have been amended to respectively include the features of dependent claims 6, 17, 15 and 24. Claims 6, 15, 17 and 24 have correspondingly been canceled. The present application should thus now be in condition for allowance as including claims 1-5, 7-14, 16, 18-23 and 25.

Conclusion

The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the corresponding rejections as presented in the Office Action dated June 18, 2007, and to

pass the claims of the present application to issue, for at least the above reasons.

In the event that there are any outstanding matters remaining in the present application, please contact Andrew J. Telesz, Jr. (Reg. No. 33,581) at (571) 283-0720 in the Washington, D.C. area, to discuss these matters.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment for any additional fees that may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-0238.

Respectfully submitted,

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